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REMARKS

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time and Fee Authorization

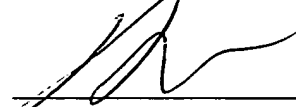
This conditional petition is being filed along with the accompanying Response to Restriction Requirement and provides for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a fee for extension of time.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments associated with this submission to the Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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